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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 826,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on April 1, 2008, down 2 percent from March 1, 2008, and down 4 percent from April 1, 2007. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 550,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 276,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month, and down 16 percent from last year.

Placements during March totaled 83,000 head, a decrease of 3 percent from last month and 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 59,000 head, down 5 percent from last month and 18 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 24,000 head. This is unchanged from last month but down 25 percent from last year.

Marketings for March were 93,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 68,000 head, down 1 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 25,000 head, up 4 percent from last month but down 22 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2007 but 1 percent below April 1, 2006. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.35 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.28 million head, up 3 percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.74 million, 11 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.67 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of March since the series began in 1996. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000, 600-699 pounds were 330,000, 700-799 pounds were 561,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 510,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million, slightly below 2007 and 6 percent below 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during March, 12 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2008	560	282	842
March Placements	59	24	83
March Marketings	68	25	93
March Other Disappearance	1	5	6
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2008	550	276	826

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ¹**

State	Cattle on Feed April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	340	374	110	46	30	65	33	31	94	2	2	100
CA	530	530	100	68	55	81	65	65	100	3	5	167
CO	1,020	1,020	100	160	135	84	140	160	114	10	5	50
ID	245	230	94	38	37	97	42	39	93	1	3	300
IA	530	550	104	72	59	82	70	68	97	2	1	50
KS	2,480	2,420	98	510	440	86	430	415	97	20	15	75
NE	2,480	2,450	99	350	360	103	370	390	105	10	10	100
NM	131	158	121	19	10	53	17	11	65	1	1	100
OK	350	340	97	68	50	74	67	58	87	1	2	200
SD	230	225	98	40	32	80	37	37	100	3	5	167
TX	2,800	2,880	103	520	450	87	495	480	97	15	10	67
WA	163	152	93	26	30	115	32	28	88	1	1	100
Oth Sts	345	355	103	43	48	112	45	60	133	3	3	100
US	11,644	11,684	100	1,960	1,736	89	1,843	1,842	100	72	63	88

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots
by Quarter, State, and United States, 2007-2008**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	April 1, 2007	January 1, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 1, 2007	January 1, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 1, 2007	January 1, 2008	April 1, 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	339	365	371	1	3	3	0	0	0
CA	485	500	485	45	60	45	0	0	0
CO	660	670	600	355	425	415	5	5	5
ID	146	127	132	96	98	96	3	10	2
IA	350	390	380	179	179	170	1	1	0
KS	1,340	1,350	1,270	1,115	1,120	1,130	25	10	20
NE	1,520	1,550	1,550	950	970	890	10	10	10
NM	81	90	94	50	70	64	0	0	0
OK	235	240	220	115	110	120	0	0	0
SD	130	111	121	82	90	86	18	29	18
TX	1,780	1,880	1,790	1,017	1,077	1,087	3	3	3
WA	87	88	74	75	75	77	1	1	1
Oth Sts	280	285	260	62	104	93	3	1	2
US	7,433	7,646	7,347	4,142	4,381	4,276	69	70	61

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